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TIPAIMUKH DAM PROJECT
HOLKHOMANG HAOKIP

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Tipaimukh Dam Project;

(b) whether the MoU has been signed with the concerned States of Manipur, Assam and Mizoram;

(c) if so, the present stumbling blocks on the project; and

(d) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : The Tipaimukh Hydro Electric (Multi Purpose) Project, located in Manipur, was taken over by the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd.(NEEPCO) from the Brahmputra Board in July, 1999 NEEPCO prepared a Detailed Project Report on the Project and submitted the same to Government of Manipur in December, 2000 along with a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be signed between the Government of Manipur and NEEPCO. The Government of Manipur had examined the draft MOU and while according its approval in December, 2001, suggested some changes in the draft. MOUs with the States of Manipur, Mizoram and Assam are yet to be signed. A number of representations have been received from local groups in Manipur against the execution of the project. NEEPCO, with the help of the Government of Manipur, is making efforts to generate public opinion in favour of the project. The matter for site clearance is presently under consideration with the Ministry of Environment & Forests to enable NEEPCO to start pre-construction activities. The estimated cost of providing security during pre-construction and construction stages of the project and the cost of diversion of National Highway are very high and the matter is being examined for not loading these costs on the project. The project will require about 12 years to implement from the date of investment clearance.